

REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Notice of Allowability. The Office Communication includes an Examiner's Amendment that the Applicant respectfully deems unnecessary for the following reasons.

On October 5, 2005, the Applicant files a paper via facsimile titled "Amendment and Interview Summary" (copy attached for the Examiner's convenience). In that paper, the Applicant summarized an interview held with the Examiner. Further, based on the interview, the Applicant amended claims 1, 35, and 63. The Applicant respectfully submits that after the Applicant's amendment the claims would be in the condition discussed during the interview.

Subsequently, the Applicant received the Office Communication. The Interview Summary contained in the Office Communication properly identifies the claims discussed during the interview, i.e., claims 1, 35, and 63 (although the Applicant's representative respectfully does not recall any of the prior art references being discussed during the interview). In addition to the Interview Summary, however, the Office Communication includes an Examiner's Amendment. The Examiner's Amendment seeks to amend claims 1, 35, and 63.

As noted above, however, the Applicant already filed an amendment as part of the "Amendment and Interview Summary" filed on October 5, 2005. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's Amendment is not necessary and should not be made.

The Office Communication invites the Applicant to file an amendment, should the changes and/or deletions of the Examiner's amendment be unacceptable to the Applicant. Because the Applicant cannot determine with certainty which of the Applicant's amendment and the Examiner's amendment has been entered, the Applicant does not submit an amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 with this paper. The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Applicant's October 10, 2005 (if it has not been entered already), and notification by the Office should such any further amendment or action be required or desirable.

The Office Communication further required submission of formal drawings. Concurrently with this paper, the Applicant submits a set of formal drawings and requests their entry and use for the issued patent.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks above and the Applicant's October 10, 2005, amendment, the Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in allowable condition, and the Examiner's amendment should not be entered. No fee is believed to be due. Should any fees under 37 CFR 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to this paper, however, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 10-1205/SILA:107.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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